

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the above amendment before examination. Claims 6-25, as amended, and claims 26-30, which are submitted herewith, are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and add no new matter has been added to this broadening reissue application.

As it is believed that none of the art cited in the original application and none of the art submitted herewith anticipates or renders obvious the invention as defined in Claims 6-30, favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

6. (amended) A ~~single-use, disposable~~ syringe device, comprising:
an elongate body having a cavity therein for receiving a medicine cartridge, a distal end
with an opening through which a needle may extend, and a proximal end with an opening
therethrough to permit passage of the medicine cartridge axially into the cavity;
a medicine cartridge received in the cavity;
a needle extending distally from the distal end of the body;
a finger grip collar on the proximal end of the elongate body;
a locking mechanism on the proximal end of the elongate body for preventing
disassembly of the syringe device, the locking mechanism comprising a locking detent that
contacts for engaging a rear surface of the medicine cartridge and preventing proximal
movement of the medicine cartridge received in the cavity;
a protector case movable relative to the body between rearward and forward positions,
and having an open distal end for uncovering and covering, respectively, the needle extending
distally from the distal end of the body; and
cooperating detents on the body and protector case for substantially locking the protector
case in the forward position.

8. (amended) A syringe device as in claim 6, wherein the detents on the protector
case are located on the proximal/distal end of the protector case.

11. (amended) A syringe device as in claim 6, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a plurality of locking detents ~~that contact~~~~for engaging~~ a rear surface of the medicine cartridge and preventing proximal movement of the medicine cartridge received in the cavity.

14. (amended) A medical device, comprising:
a body having a cavity for receiving a medicine cartridge, a first forward end from which a needle may extend, and a second end into which the medicine cartridge may be inserted;
a protector case movable relative to the body, and having a first open end through which the needle may extend and a second end, the case and the body having cooperating detents for facilitating placement of the case with respect to the body for uncovering and covering an exposed end of the needle; and
a locking mechanism on the second end of the body ~~for engaging the medicine cartridge received in the cavity~~, the locking mechanism comprising at least one locking detent ~~that contacts~~~~for engaging~~ a surface of the cartridge received in the cavity to prevent proximal movement thereof.

15. (amended) A medical device as in claim 14, further comprising a finger grip collar on the second end of the syringe body.

21. (amended) A single-use, disposable medical device, comprising:

a body having a cavity therein for receiving a medicine cartridge, a distal end with an opening through which a needle may extend, and a proximal end with an opening therethrough to permit passage of the medicine cartridge into the cavity;

a locking mechanism on the proximal end of the body comprising a pair of locking detents ~~that contact~~for engaging a rear surface of the medicine cartridge and preventing proximal movement of the medicine cartridge received in the cavity;

a protector case slidable on the body between rearward and forward positions, and having an open distal end for uncovering and covering, respectively, a needle extending distally from the distal end of the body; and

cooperating detents on the body and protector case for substantially locking the protector case in the forward position.

22. (amended) A medical device as in claim 21, further comprising a finger grip collar on the body.